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**over-ca-paci-ty** \,ö-vär-kä-'pa-sä-të\, -'pas-të\ n (1928) : excessive capacity for production or services in relation to demand

**over-cap-i-tal-ize** \,ä-ka-pö-täl'-iz\, -'kap-täl'-iz\ v (1890) 1 : to put a nominal value on the capital of (a corporation) higher than actual cost or fair market value 2 : to capitalize beyond what the business or the profit-making prospects warrant — **over-cap-i-tal-i-zation** \,ä-ka-pä-täl'-ä-zä-shän\, -'kap-täl'-ä-zä-shän\ n

**over-cast** vt -cast<sup>1</sup> -cast<sup>2</sup> -casting (14c) 1 \,ö-vär-'kast\, 'ö-vär-\ : DARKEN, OVERSHADOW 2 \,ö-var-\ : to sew (raw edges of a seam) with long slanting widely spaced stitches to prevent raveling

**over-cast** \,ö-var-'kast\, ,ö-var-'äd\ (1536) : clouded over *(an ~ day)*

**over-cast** \,ö-var-'kast\, ,ö-var-'kast\ n (1686) : COVERING: esp : a covering of clouds over the sky

**over-cast-ing** \,ö-var-'kas-tëg\ n (1885) : the act of stitching raw edges of fabric to prevent raveling; also : the stitching so done

**overcast stitch** n (1891) : a small close embroidery stitch sometimes done over a foundation thread and used to form outlines

**over-charge** \,ö-var-'chärl\ vt (14c) 1 : to charge too much or too fully 2 : to fill too full 3 : EXAGGERATE, OVERDRAW ~ vi : to make an excessive charge — **over-charge** \,ö-var-'chärl\ n

**over-cloud** \,ö-var-'kloud\ vt (1592) : to over-spread with or as if with clouds

**over-coat** \,ö-var-'köt\ n (1802) 1 : a warm coat worn over indoor clothing 2 : a protective coating (as of paint)

**over-come** \,ö-var-'käm\ vb -came \,'käm\; -come; -com-ing [ME, fr. OE *ofercuman*, fr. *ofer* over + *cuman* to come] vt (bef. 12c) 1 : to get the better of : SURMOUNT (*~ difficulties*) 2 : OVERWHELM ~ vi : to gain the superiority : WIN syn see CONQUER — **over-com-e-mit** vt

**over-com-mit** \,ö-ka-'mit\ vt (1951) : to commit excessively: as a : to obligate (as oneself) beyond the ability for fulfillment b : to allocate (resources) in excess of the capacity for replenishment — **over-com-mit-ment** \,ö-ka-'mënt\ n

**over-compen-sa-tion** \,ä-käm-pen-'sä-shän\, -pen-\ n (1912) : excessive compensation; specif : excessive reaction to a feeling of inferiority, guilt, or inadequacy leading to an exaggerated attempt to overcome the feeling — **over-compen-sate** \,ä-käm-pen-'sät\ vb — **over-com-pen-sa-tory** \,ä-käm-pen-'t(s)-sä-,tör-ë-, -tör-'adj

**over-crowd** \,ö-var-'kraud\ vt (1766) : to cause to be too crowded ~ vi : to crowd together too much

**over-cut** \,ö-köt\ vt (1906) : to cut excessively; specif : to cut timber (from a forest) in excess of annual growth or an allotted annual amount

**over-de-ter-mined** \,ä-dit'-är-mänd\ adj (1915) 1 : excessively determined 2 : having more than one determining psychological factor

**over-de-vel-op** \,ä-dü-'ve-lüp\ vt (1869) : to develop excessively; esp : to subject (exposed photographic material) to a developing solution for excessive time or at excessive temperature, agitation, or concentration — **over-de-vel-op-ment** \,ä-düng\ n

**over-dro** \,ö-var-'drü\ vb -did \,ö-did\; -done \,ö-dän\; -do-ing \,ö-düng\; -does \,ö-dz\ vt (bef. 12c) 1 a : to do in excess b : to use to excess c : EXAGGERATE 2 : to cook too long 3 : EXHAUST ~ vi : to go to extremes

**over-dog** \,ö-var-'dög\ n [*Over* + underdog] (1938) : one that is dominant or victorious

**over-dom-i-nance** \,ö-var-'dä-mä-nän(t)s\, -'däm-nän(t)s\ n (1947) : the condition wherein a heterozygote produces a phenotype more extreme or better adapted than that of the homozygote — **over-dom-i-nant** \,ö-nänt\ adj

**over-dose** \,ö-var-'dös\ n (1700) 1 : too great a dose (as of a therapeutic agent); also : a lethal or toxic amount (as of a drug) 2 : an excessive quantity or amount *(an ~ of sports)* — **over-dos-age** \,ö-var-'dö-sij\ n

**over-dose** \,ö-var-'dös\ vt (1727) : to give an overdose or too many doses to ~ vi : to take or experience an overdose — usu. used with on

**over-draft** \,ö-var-'dräft\ n (1878) 1 : an act of overdrawing at a bank : the state of being overdrawn; also : the sum overdrawn 2 : LINE OF CREDIT

**over-draw** \,ö-var-'drö\ vb -drew \,ö-drü\; -drawn \,ö-drön\; -draw-ing vt (1734) 1 : to draw checks on (a bank account) for more than the balance (the account was *overdrawn*) 2 : EXAGGERATE, OVERSTATE ~ vi : to make an overdraft

**over-drawn** adj (1866) : having an overdrawn account

**over-dress** \,ö-var-'dres\ vt (1706) : to dress or adorn to excess ~ vi : to dress oneself to excess

**over-dress** \,ö-var-'dres\ n (1812) : a dress worn over another

**over-drive** \,ö-var-'driv\ n (1926) 1 : an automotive transmission gear that transmits to the drive shaft a speed greater than engine speed 2 : a state of heightened activity (*going into rhetorical ~*)

**over-dub** \,ö-var-'dab\ (ca. 1965) 1 : the act or an instance of over-dubbing 2 : recorded sound that is overdubbed (vocal ~s)

**over-dub** \,ö-var-'dab\ vt (1967) : to transfer (recorded sound) onto a recording that bears sound recorded earlier in order to produce a combined effect

**over-due** \,ö-dü\, -'dyü\ adj (1845) 1 a : unpaid when due b : delayed beyond an appointed time 2 : too great : EXCESSIVE 3 : more than ready

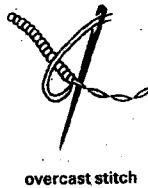
**over-eat** \,ö-var-'ät\ vi **over-ate** \,ö-'ät\; **over-eat-en** \,ö-'ät-n\; **over-eat-ing** (1599) : to eat to excess — **over-eat-er** \,ö-var-'ë-tör\, -var-'ë-tör\ n

**over-ex-pose** \,ö-var-ik-'spöz\ vt (1869) : to expose excessively; esp : to expose (as film) to excessive radiation (as light) — **over-ex-po-sure** \,ö-spö-zhürt\ n

**over-ex-tend** \,ö-var-ik-'stend\ vt (1937) : to extend or expand beyond a safe or reasonable point; esp : to commit (oneself) financially beyond what can be paid — **over-ex-ten-sion** \,ä-stënt-shän\ n

**over-fa-tigue** \,ö-var-fü-'tég\ n (1727) : excessive fatigue esp. when carried beyond the recuperative capacity of the individual — **over-fa-tigued** \,ö-teg'd\ adj

**over-feed** \,ö-var-'fed\ vt -fed\; -feed-ing vt (1608) : to feed to excess ~ vi : to eat to excess



over-fill \'-fɪl\ vt (13c) : to fill to overflowing ~ vi : to become full to overflowing

over-fish \'-fish\ vt (1867) : to fish to the detriment of (a kind of organism) or to the depletion of (a kind of organism)

over-flight \'-ō-vər-\'flīt\ n (1950) : a passage over an area in an airplane

over-flow \'-ō-vər-\'flō\ vt (bef. 12c) 1 : to cover with or as if with water : INUNDATE 2 : to flow over the brim of : 3 : to cause to overflow ~ vi 1 : to flow over bounds 2 : to fill a space to capacity and spread beyond its limits (the crowd ~ed into the street)

over-flow \'-ō-vər-\'flō\ n (1589) 1 : a flowing over : INUNDATION 2 : something that flows over : SURPLUS 3 : an outlet or receptacle for surplus liquid

over-fly \'-ō-vər-\'flī\ vt -flew \'-flū\; -flown \'-flōn\; -fly-ing (14c) : to fly over; esp : to pass over in an airplane or spacecraft

over-garment \'-ō-vər-\'gār-mənt\ n (15c) : an outer garment

over-glaze \'-glāz\ adj (1879) : applied or suitable for applying on top of a fired glaze <enamels> — overglaze n

over-graze \'-ō-vər-\'grāz\ vt (1919) : to allow animals to graze (as a pasture) to the point of damaging vegetational cover

over-grow \'-ō-vər-\'grō\ vt -grew \'-grū\; -grown \'-grōn\; -grow-ing vt (14c) 1 : to grow over so as to cover with herbage 2 : to grow beyond or rise above : OUTGROW ~ vi 1 : to grow excessively 2 : to become grown over — over-growth \'-ō-vər-\'grōth\ n

overgrown adj (1604) : grown abnormally or excessively large (dismissed him as an ~ adolescent)

over-hand \'-ō-vər-hānd\ adj (1656) : made with the hand brought forward and down from above shoulder level — overhand adv — over-handed \'-ō-vər-hāndēd\ adj or adv

overhand vi (1871) : to sew with short vertical stitches

overhand n (ca. 1934) : an overhand stroke (as in handball)

overhand knot n (1840) : a small knot often used to prevent the end of a cord from fraying — see KNOT illustration

over-hang \'-ō-vər-hāng\ vt (1592) 1 : to project over 2 : to impend over : THREATEN ~ vi : to project so as to be over something

over-hang \'-ō-vər-hāng\ n (1864) 1 : the part of the bow or stern of a ship that projects over the water above the waterline 2 : something that overhangs; also : the extent of the overhanging 3 : a projection of the roof or upper story of a building beyond the wall of the lower part 4 : an excess supply of a commodity that cannot be readily converted, sold, or disposed of (dollar ~) <inventory ~>

over-haul \'-ō-vər-hōl\ vt (1705) 1 a : to examine thoroughly b (1) : REPAIR (2) : to renovate, revise, or renew thoroughly 2 : to haul or drag over 3 : OVERTAKE — over-haul \'-ō-vər-hōl\ n

over-head \'-ō-vər-hed\ adv (15c) : above one's head : ALOFT

over-head \'-ō-vər-hed\ adj (1874) 1 a : operating, lying, or coming from above b : having the driving part of the part driven (valves operated by an ~ camshaft) 2 : of or relating to overhead (~ costs)

over-head \'-ō-vər-hed\ n (1914) 1 : business expenses (as rent, insurance, or heating) not chargeable to a particular part of the work or product 2 : CEILING: esp : the ceiling of a ship's compartment 3 : a stroke in a racket game made above head height : SMASH

overhead projector n (1951) : a projector for projecting onto a vertical screen magnified images of graphic material on a horizontal transparency illuminated from below — called also overhead

over-hear \'-ō-vər-hēr\ vt -heard \'-hərd\; -hear-ing \'-hēr-ēng\ vi (1549) : to hear without the speaker's knowledge or intention ~ vi : to overhear something

over-heat \'-hēt\ vt (14c) 1 : to heat to excess 2 : to stimulate or agitate unduly ~ vi : to become heated beyond a safe or desirable point

over-heat-ed \'-hē-tēd\ adj (1953) : PERFID

over-issue \'-ō-vər-iš\ n (1803) : an issue exceeding the limit of capital, credit, or authority — over-is-su-ance \'-i-sho-wən(t)s\ n — overissue vi

over-joyed \'-jōid\ adj (1594) : feeling great joy

over-kill \'-ō-vər-kil\ vt (1957) : to obliterate (a target) with more nuclear force than required

over-kill \'-ō-vər-kil\ n (1958) 1 : a destructive capacity greatly exceeding that required for a given target 2 : an excess of something (as a quantity or an action) beyond what is required or suitable for a particular purpose (a propaganda ~) (an ~ in weaponry) 3 : killing in excess of what is intended or required

over-land \'-ō-vər-lānd, -lānd\ adv (12c) : by, on, or across land

overland adj (1800) : going or accomplished over the land instead of by sea (~ emigrants) (an ~ route)

over-lap \'-ō-vər-lāp\ vt (1726) 1 : to extend over or past and cover a part of 2 : to have something in common with ~ vi 1 : to occupy the same area in part : lap over 2 : to have something in common — over-lap \'-ō-vər-lāp\ n

over-lay \'-ō-vər-lāy\ vt -laid \'-lāid\; -lay-ing (14c) 1 a : to lay or spread over or across : SUPERIMPOSE b : to prepare an overlay for 2 : OVERLIE 2

over-lay \'-ō-vər-lāy\ n (1794) : a covering either permanent or temporary: as a : an ornamental veneer b : a decorative and contrasting design or article placed on top of a plain one c : a transparent sheet containing graphic matter to be superimposed on another sheet

over-leaf \'-ō-vər-leaf, -lef\ adv (1843) : on the other side of a leaf (as of a book)

over-leap \'-ō-vər-\'lep\ vt -leaped or -leapt \'-lēpt also -lept\; -leap-ing \'-lē-ping\ (bef. 12c) 1 : to leap over or across 2 : to defeat (oneself) by going too far

over-learn \'-lərn\ vt (1874) : to continue to study or practice after attaining proficiency

over-lie \'-lē\ vt -liay \'-lāy\; -lain \'-lān\; -ly-ing \'-lē-ing\ (13c) 1 : to lie over or upon 2 : to cause the death of by lying upon

over-look \'-luk\ vt (14c) 1 : to look over : INSPECT 2 a : to look

\ə\ about \ə\ kitten, F table \ə\ further \ə\ ash \ə\ ace \ə\ mop, mar  
 \ə\ out \ə\ chin \ə\ bet \ə\ easy \ə\ go \ə\ hit \ə\ ice \ə\ job  
 \ə\ sing \ə\ go \ə\ law \ə\ boy \ə\ thin \ə\ the \ə\ loo \ə\ foot  
 \ə\ yet \ə\ vision \ə\ k, \ə\ c, \ə\ G, \ə\ v, \ə\ E, \ə\ see Guide to Pronunciation